STAND. COM. REP. NO.

973

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 2 4 2015

RE: H.B. No. 1275

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim President of the Senate Twenty-Eighth State Legislature Regular Session of 2015 State of Hawaii

## Madam:

Your Committee on Government Operations, to which was referred H.B. No. 1275 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE INSTRUMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to designate the official 'auana and kahiko musical instruments of the State in accordance with the results of the November 2014 WeVoteHawaii election in an effort to enthusiastically support Hawaii's keiki in voting and the democratic process.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Center for Hawaiian Sovereignty Studies.

Your Committee finds that the kahiko (traditional) pahu and the 'auana (modern) 'ukulele are well-suited to serve as Hawaii's state instruments, as they are integral to the music of Hawaii which is recognized around the world. Your Committee further finds that Hawaii's students recognized the 'ukulele and pahu as representative of Hawaiian culture by voting for them in the WeVoteHawaii online election. WeVoteHawaii is a hands-on civic education experience that teaches students about voting and democracy. The movement of this measure, born from the WeVoteHawaii election results, will further instruct students on democracy and the legislative process.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of

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 $\mbox{H.B.}$  No. 1275, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Government Operations,

DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair

## The Senate Twenty-Eighth Legislature State of Hawai'i

## Record of Votes Committee on Government Operations GVO

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HB1275	GVO			3-19-15	
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
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NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)		/			
IHARA, Jr., Les		/			
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